

Consent Agenda for Annual Town Meeting 2024

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Introduction

The articles listed in the sections below constitute the **preliminary Consent Agenda**. After Town Meeting Members have had an opportunity during the meeting to request articles to be held from the Consent Agenda, Town Meeting will vote on the final Consent Agenda.

Note that the Consent Agenda presented at the meeting will be divided into two parts: a **Majority Consent Agenda** (for articles requiring a majority vote) and a **Two-thirds Consent Agenda** (for articles requiring a two-thirds vote).

For questions about the general criteria for inclusion of articles in the Consent Agenda, see the document "Town Meeting Guidelines" – specifically the section "Policies for Main Motions and Subsidiary Motions" – at <https://www.arlingtonma.gov/townmeeting>, or contact the Town Moderator at gchristiana@town.arlington.ma.us.

For questions about specifics of articles and the rationales for the recommended vote, please refer to the contact cited at the beginning of each section of articles.

Select Board Articles

For questions about articles in this section, contact:

Ashley Maher, Select Board Administrator

SBAAdmin@town.arlington.ma.us

Articles that received a vote of "No Action" from the Select Board:

- Article 9 Bylaw Amendment: Start Time for Annual Town Meeting
- Article 13 Bylaw Amendment: Leaf Blower Dates of Transition
- Article 18 Bylaw Amendment: Historic Building Demolition Delay
- Article 19 Vote: Extend Time for Artificial Turf Study Committee and Report
- Article 21 Home Rule Legislation: To Amend the Senior Citizen Property Tax Exemption

Clarifying change with minimal impact in practice:

- Article 12 Bylaw Amendment: John J. Bilafer Arlington Citizens' Scholarship Fund – Dollars for Scholars

Zoning Articles

For questions about articles in this section, contact:

Rachel Zsembery, Arlington Redevelopment Board Chair
rzsembery@town.arlington.ma.us

Zoning articles that are administrative in nature:

- Article 25 Building Definitions
- Article 26 Administrative Clarification
- Article 27 Administrative Clarification
- Article 28 Delete Inland Wetland Overlay District

Zoning articles that received a vote of "No Action" from the Redevelopment Board:

- Article 32 Traffic Visibility
- Article 34 Residential Uses

Finance Articles

For questions about articles in this section, contact:

Christine Deshler, Finance Committee Chair
cdeshler@town.arlington.ma.us

Finance articles that are annually recurring and non-controversial, request an appropriation of \$0, or received a vote of "No Action" from the Finance Committee:

Articles 35-38, 41, 43-44, 46-48, 51-53, 57-63:

- Article 35 Appropriation: PEG Access Budget
- Article 36 Endorsement of Parking Benefit District Expenditures
- Article 37 Positions Reclassification
- Article 38 Amendments To FY24 Budgets
- Article 41 Rescind Prior Borrowing Authorizations
- Article 43 Appropriation: Financing of Construction or Reconstruction of Sewers and Sewerage Facilities
- Article 44 Appropriation: Financing of Construction or Reconstruction of Water Mains and Water Facilities
- Article 46 Appropriation: Committees and Commissions
- Article 47 Appropriation: Town Celebrations and Events
- Article 48 Appropriation: Miscellaneous
- Article 51 Appropriation: Harry Barber Community Service Program

- Article 52 Appropriation: Pension Adjustment for Former 25 Year: Accidental Disability Employees
- Article 53 Appropriation: Takings for Stratton School Safe Routes
- Article 57 Appropriation: Master Plan Update
- Article 58 Local Option Taxes
- Article 59 Appropriation: Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) Trust Fund
- Article 60 Transfer of Funds: Cemetery
- Article 61 Appropriation: Overlay Reserve
- Article 62 Appropriation: Long Term Stabilization Fund
- Article 63 Use of Free Cash